

SUBJECT OF SUBURBANS

All Want Them if Bonafide and in Tangible Form
--Secretary Taft's Precedent and
the Davenport Project.

In the matter of the desire of what is to be known as the Rock Island, Moline & Davenport Suburban Railway, otherwise the Davenport & Suburban Railway for right of way on this side of the river and across the Rock Island bridges and arsenal to Davenport, why not adopt so far as Rock Island is concerned, the precedent established by Secretary of War Taft as relates to the use of any part of the government domain?

After Judge Taft had heard the arguments on the petition of the Davenport company, setting forth its purpose to build a suburban line through Rock Island from Galesburg and intermediate points to Davenport, he informed the company that in the event of the attorney general ruling that it was within his province to pass upon the question, he would expect the new corporation to secure its line through Rock Island and up to the approach to the bridges before it could reasonably expect to get across.

Why indeed would it not be the proper thing for the people of Rock Island, through their properly constituted representatives, to advise the new company to bring its line in from Galesburg or some intermediate point to the outer gates of Rock Island before expecting track rights within?

Let there be some misunderstanding as to what is believed to be the disposition of this city on the street railway subject, let it be said, that it is the suburban end of the proposition that Rock Island is more interested in than anything else. A line coming into the city from the south or east is more essential just now than more local railways or more street car facilities with Davenport. Rock Island wants every means of suburban railway communication that it is possible for it to secure. In this respect it is not altogether different from its sister city over the way. And while when former franchises were under consideration looking to establishment of street railway lines with Davenport this city did not assume the fence-in-the-town spirit, but threw down the bars and did all that was expected of it for the advancement of the enterprise, and does not now stand any more in awe of the larger city than it did then. It nevertheless has just as much pride in its own institutions, and is just as anxious to uphold its own mercantile and commercial enterprises as Davenport is. On this account it is that there may be anticipated something more pronounced than a mere inclination to

demur to any railway of a suburban nature that would simply skim along the outskirts of town, or pass through side streets on its way to Davenport.

Rock Island wants bona fide interurban lines, and it wants the evidence that they are bona fide. The minute one of these enterprises is built up to the city limits of Rock Island it will get in, and it will find its way opened by the most desirable route to the business section of the city. It will not be necessary for it to hunt the outlying highways or the inside byways. It will have the best, and it will find the people with one accord back of it.

Davenport, however, is not suburban to Rock Island, as the term is applied, and The Argus does not believe would yearn to be so understood. Neither is Rock Island suburban to Davenport, nor does it desire to be so understood. Rock Island is willing that Davenport should have the first claim to interurbans running out of that city to the rural neighborhoods, but it does not propose to be included among the rural localities contiguous to Davenport. On the contrary it feels that it has the same right to be the fountain head of suburban railways leading into this city from the country laying round about in Illinois as Davenport has to enjoy the same position relative to the territory similarly situated on the Iowa side.

The Argus has no hesitancy in saying that there is abundant reason why the suburban railway now under consideration should make good from the suburban standpoint on this side first before anticipating rights within the city, because that is the very thing it has failed to do in Davenport. Originally designed as a line to Muscatine, it first secured franchises in Davenport, but so far it has gone and no further. And a citizen of no less official station than the mayor of that city has condemned the company for its dilatory course in this respect. Would it not seem in all reason therefore that the company should furnish more tangible evidence of its good faith than it has so far shown, by building its suburban into Davenport, and what is more, bringing its suburban up to Rock Island, before looking for anything from the city of Rock Island?

Secretary of War Taft demanded that the company afford evidence of the confidence of the people on the Illinois side in it before expecting a license to cross the bridges and island. With abundant reason may not Rock

Island demand that the company furnish ground for the confidence of the people in it before placing that confidence by which the government is to be guided. And as the government is to be guided by the franchises in Rock Island leading to the bridges, so Rock Island may in the spirit of utmost fairness to itself and the company as well, be guided by the measure of success with which the company brings its suburban franchises from some definite point to Rock Island.

As is well known there is now well under way a different project looking to the building of an interurban railway from Galesburg and Aledo to Rock Island, and the work that has been done so far has been with Rock Island as the objective point. When that company gets within sight of Rock Island it will not only be welcomed into the city, but it will be helped to the best there is in the way of advantages within the city. There is no question about that, and the same will be true of any like undertaking. But let the suburbs prove that they are suburbs.

The Davenport Business Men's association has gone on record as favorable to the licensing of the Davenport & Suburban across the Rock Island bridges, but in all the talk indulged in at the meeting at which such action was taken there was not a word of anything but Davenport. It was not for an instant considered in the light of a tri-city affair. Davenport, Davenport, trade for Davenport, the building up of Davenport was the entire burden of the argument.

No one should become so warped as to take exception to such a spirit, for it is what builds up cities. But Rock Island and has business men's associations just as thoroughly devoted to the upbuilding of this city, and fully as anxious to encourage well directed suburban railway enterprises. And while as one of the triumvirate of municipalities, so linked as these three are this city has always been broad enough to look beyond its own confines in recognition of the spirit that what is good for one, benefits all, it still may know that there is a limit for itself where others prescribe solely for themselves. Bring in your interurbans and suburbs, we say, but bring them in right.

ARGUMENTS ARE FINISHED

Plumbing Suit Will Go to Circuit Court Jury Next Monday.

The court case here is on recess until Monday. Judge W. H. Gest presiding over the court at Cambridge today. The arguments were finished last evening in the suit of Blake & Murphy against the Sisters of the Visitation for the recovery of a balance claimed on a plumbing contract at the Villa de Chantal. Judge Gest will instruct the jury on the reconvening of court Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

MEAT SMOKING IS CAUSE OF BLAZE

Home of Z. Schnoeck, 406 Seventh Avenue, is Damaged \$700 This Morning.

As a result of an attempt to make use of the rear porch as a smoke house, a fire was started at the residence of Z. Schnoeck, 406 Seventh avenue, at 10 o'clock this morning, and damage to the extent of \$700 resulted. The building is a one-story frame, owned by Louis Reitzler. The occupants, according to the accounts they gave the fire department, had enclosed the rear porch and were using it to smoke meat. The fire had made considerable headway before the arrival of the department, and the house was almost totally destroyed. There is \$200 insurance carried in the Maucker agency.

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Attend the real sale at Lloyd's.

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We are there, at the Moline fair.

Rock Island Rug company.

Real sale, real bargains. Seeing is believing. Come and see. Lloyd's.

W. H. Siemon will do your tin work.

1427 Sixth avenue. New 'phone 5746.

Ladies' headquarters while at the Moline fair. Rock Island Rug company.

Walline & Hamilton, express and transfer. Old 'phone 1070, new 5884.

Clemann & Salzmann are busy receiving new goods for the spring trade.

Peanut candy and taffy 10 cents per pound at Petersen's, 1314 Third avenue.

Ladies, visit our booth while attending the Moline fair. Rock Island Rug company.

Household goods of every description. Must be sold at once; 906 Fourteenth street.

See Drake's show windows for bargains in kitchen furnishings. Brady street, Davenport.

Visit Drake's carpet department for bargains in rugs and carpets. Brady street, Davenport.

Phone us for special prices on coke, egg and nut size. Tri-City Transfer & Fuel company.

Mrs. Austin's famous Pancake Flour, made from the three great staffs of life: wheat, corn and rice.

Do you intend purchasing a rug or carpet? See Clemann & Salzmann's big line before buying elsewhere.

Visit Clemann & Salzmann's big rug and carpet department if you want to pick from the largest stock in this section.

Don't miss Drake's sale of odd dressers and iron beds this coming week. They will go at cost. See them. Brady street, Davenport.

To have the most delicious, brown cakes for breakfast, mix only cold water with Mrs. Austin's Pancake flour. All grocers sell it.

Report your changes to Stone's city directory, office northeast corner Second avenue and Eighteenth street, or call up old phone 553 L.

If you want an iron bed or a dresser at actual manufacturers' cost, call at Drake Furniture & Carpet company's this coming week. Brady street, Davenport.

Christ's home mission announces that there will be services this evening at 7:30 and tomorrow evening at the same hour at the hall, Third avenue and Twenty-second street.

When we say manufacturers' cost, we mean it; that's what you can buy a nice dresser or iron bed for this coming week at Drake Furniture & Carpet company's, Brady street, Davenport.

Anticipating a heavy trade, we bought heavily of the choicest things in the furniture market, and already goods are beginning to arrive. Don't forget to call and see our stock. Clemann & Salzmann.

Allen, Myers & Co. are installing a hot water heating plant in the new passenger station of the C. M. & St. P. railway at Yankton, S. D. Their well known "Our Own" hot water boiler is being used.

Capt. A. R. James, in charge of the local branch of the Salvation Army, announces that Mrs. Maj. Smith, of Peoria, division officer of the army, will direct the meetings at the barracks on Second avenue this evening and tomorrow. Mrs. Smith is a splendid talker and singer.

Several flat cars that were being taken away by a Rock Island switch engine went off the track in Moline last evening and caused enough damage to the cars and the tracks to delay traffic for several hours. The cars fell in such a way as to obstruct the main line tracks so that the Chicago trains, Nos. 41 and 11, were stalled.

The Rock Island Floral store, recently opened at 330 Twentieth street, is under the management of H. H. Hensley, an expert designer and decorator. Mr. Hensley has had 17 years' experience in floral art decoration in St. Louis and Chicago, and all orders will be given his personal attention. All flowers in season will be received fresh every morning.

\$3.00 Patents

WE ARE SHOWING SOME NEW STYLES OF EXTRAORDINARY VALUES IN LADIES' PATENT COLT SHOES, GOODYEAR WELTED SOLES, MILITARY HEELS, BLUCHERS, NEW SHAPES; MADE OF "CORONA" PATENT STOCK.



\$3.00 the Pair

The Boston,

Both 'Phones.

SPRING STOCK IS COMING

Odd Dressers and Iron Beds at Manufacturers' Cost.

In order to make room for new spring stock we shall offer this coming week all discontinued patterns of odd dressers and iron beds at manufacturers' cost to move them quickly. If in need of anything in this line it will pay you to call and look them over. Drake Furniture & Carpet company, Brady street, Davenport.

Clerk Strikes a Tarantula.

John Nelson, clerk for S. J. Apple, the grocer on Third avenue and Eleventh street, this morning encountered a tarantula while handling a bunch of bananas. He ran his hand against the tarantula, but withdrew it before the spider got its fangs on him. The tarantula was placed in a jar.

In reply to inquiries we have pleasure in announcing that Ely's Liquid Cream Balm is like the solid preparation of that admirable remedy in that it cleanses and heals membranes affected by nasal catarrh. There is no drying or sneezing. The Liquid Cream Balm is adapted to use by patients who have trouble in inhaling through the nose and prefer spraying. The price, including spraying tube, is 75 cents. Sold by druggists or mailed by Ely Brothers, 56 Warren street, New York.

SOCIAL AFFAIRS.

Miss Milla Baker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Baker, 1106 Seventh street, last evening entertained a company of school friends at her home. The evening was occupied with the playing of games, and luncheon was served.

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TAKEN OFF THE BOTTOM OF YOUR BILL.

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